

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-22 and 24-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 24 and 32 are the independent claims. Claims 32-35 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. No claim has been amended and no new matter has been added.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has issued an election of inventions requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of one of two different claim groupings; invention I: claims 1, 3-22 and 24-31; and invention II: claims 32-35. **Applicant's undersigned representative elects without traverse Examiner's invention I, comprising claims 1, 3-22 and 24-31, for prosecution in the present application.** Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any non-elected claims, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Early consideration and allowance of the present application are requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative.

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